THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) A target to credit- link 3.85 lakh Self Help Groups (SHGs) has been fixed during 2006-07.

The target fixed is only indicative. Further, the region wise target has been fixed and is conveyed to the Indian Banks Association for allocation amongst Commercial Banks. However, NABARD Regional Offices undertake exercise at state level in consultation with various stakeholders to assess the realistic projection for formation and credit linkage of SHGs by different banks taking into account among others, stock of existing SHGs, new SHGs to be promoted, etc. and fix the target for the States.

An indicative target to credit link 26,950 SHGs has been fixed for North Eastern Region, during 2006-07, out of which Assam has a target for credit linkgage of 25,900 SHGs.

Meeting with representatives of Government Employees' Organization

2659. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding meeting with the representatives of the Central Government Employees' Organization on the 3rd July, 2006;

(b) whether it is a fact that the employees' representatives had demanded interim relief of Rs. 1000/- per month;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the employees' representatives have requested that the date of effect of the recommendation of the 6th Central Pay Commission be predetermined as on 1st January, 2006; and

(d) if so, what is the response of Govemment on the above issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) No formal meeting was held with the representatives of the Central Govemment Employees' Organization on 3.7.2006. However, in the 20 point charter of demand submitted by the Staff Side to the Government the demand for constitution of Sixth Central Pay Commission and grant of interim relief has been made. Government has already approved constition of a 3-Member Pay Commission which will look into all these aspects.